

# Pilgrim Primary Academy

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**Dear parents, carers and families,**

Firstly, I want to extend a really warm welcome to all our fantastic new Reception children. The children in our Bear Cubs and Fox Cub classes are settling in nicely and are already impressing their teachers with their wonderful happy attitudes and their curious minds! They have settled into the class routines so quickly - we are very proud of them.

## School Uniform and Jewellery Reminders

At the beginning of the year, I would like to remind you of our uniform expectations:

**Main Uniform:** Children should wear dark grey trousers, shorts or skirts, Light blue polo shirts and a navy cardigan or jumper. Footwear should be **black shoes or black trainers** (completely black - no coloured logos please).

**PE Uniform:** A red/green/blue/yellow T shirt depending on your child's House Team and plain black, grey or navy bottoms (shorts/joggers)

Uniform with our school logo on is available from the School Wear shop on Mayflower Street. However, you DO NOT have to wear uniform with a logo and a plain navy jumper/cardigan or a plain red/green/blue/yellow T shirt for PE is absolutely fine for school.



**Uniform Bank:** *Please don't forget that the school has a stock of used/donated uniforms. If you would like to have a look, please contact Mrs Harris, our PSA or the school office!*

**Jewellery:** **Jewellery is not permitted in school except for stud earrings** (one earring in each ear only). Necklaces, bracelets/bangles, anklets and rings are not permitted in school. If parents would like to ask the school to consider an exception to this rule (the wearing of an item of jewellery that is a necessity for faith or religion) this request should be put in writing to the school for consideration.

In all cases, children will be asked to remove any jewellery before undertaking any PE or physical activity for the purposes of safety.

**I would appreciate parents and carers supporting our uniform policy and ensuring that children are not coming to school in non-uniform items.**

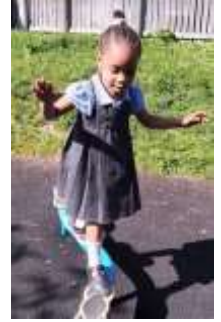
## Increase In School Meals Prices

We have been informed by CaterEd, our school meal provider, of a change to the price of school meals. **The cost will rise to £2.80 from 30th October 2023.** Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are still entitled to a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

## CURRICULUM NEWS - WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

### EYES

The children in Fox Cubs and Bear Cubs have settled into school really well! We have been exploring our environment and making new friends.



### Year 1

In Year 1, we have been learning about the different parts of our bodies through songs, labelling and dances. We have learnt about the difference between pulse and rhythm in Music by using percussion instruments in groups and created a performance as a whole class. In Maths, we are reviewing our learning about number bonds to 10!



### Year 2

In Year 2, the Owls and Penguins have been using their discussion rules to talk about the rights and responsibilities that we have. We learned that we all have the right to be safe, be healthy, be happy and to learn. We all agreed that we enjoy the responsibilities that we have in school.



### Year 3

In Year 3, we have been reading 'The Tin Forest'.

We took part in a hot seating activity where we interviewed the old man! We asked questions and took turns answering in role. We also talked about how the old man felt at different points in the story and wrote a diary entry from his point of view.



Oscar - *"The Tin Forest is about an old man who tidies the rubbish in a junkyard."*

Rosie - *"He dreams of living in the middle of a jungle filled with animals and flowers."*

### Year 4

In Year 4, we have been doing lots of active learning to keep our bodies healthy whilst learning. This week, we worked on finding 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more or less and we plotted numbers on a number line up to 10,000. In English, we learnt more about conjunctions by playing conjunction corners and had a dance whilst we created our sentences.



### Year 5

This term, in Year 5, we are taking part in the 'Joy of Movement' with Plymouth Argyle.

Each week, we have different learning objectives and outdoor activities. Last week, we looked at physical activity and found out that we need 60 minutes of physical activity a day! We also took our pulses before and after physical activity. We noticed that our pulses were higher after running on the spot. Some of us were even out of breath! After the practical learning in the classroom, we went outside and played a game of Stuck in the Mud and had a game of basketball. This week, we looked at body and mind and played cricket. We are looking forward to the next lesson.





## Year 6

Year 6 have been immersed in their English writing this week. They have been writing diary entries from a first person perspective during WWII.



## Butterflies

In Butterflies class, we have been learning about place value in maths. We did this in lots of different ways, using equipment, writing and also outside using hoops and bean bags. We have also been doing lots of Autumn art and learning Autumn songs.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### We are supporting MacMillan!

On Friday 29th September, we will be doing our bit to support the **MacMillan Cancer Charity Coffee Morning fundraiser**. As in previous years, we will be holding a **Big Bake Cake sale** on the Key Stage 2 playground before school. There are 2 ways that you can support us:



1. **Send in a cake or baked item(s) to school for us to sell.**  
Please send all donations into school during the week and no later than Thursday 28th. Shop bought or homemade bakes would be very gratefully received!
2. Come along and buy a cake or bake on Friday morning. There will be whole cakes and slices for sale. We will open the gates at 8.30 am on that day to make sure you have time to buy something.



Last year we raised over £125 to send to this brilliant charity. Come along and make this a great charity event. Maybe this year we could raise even more!

**Don't forget to bring in a cake, biscuits or brownies for us to sell too...**

### Supporting Families Programme - Parents Drop In Session Thursday 28th September at 9.15 am

Do you need some advice and guidance about any of the following:

- Benefits
- Information about getting back to work
- Gaining more skills through work or volunteering
- Advice on childcare
- Support to access child maintenance
- Budgeting or debt management



## Plymouth Family Hubs

Pilgrim is hosting **Matt and Denise** who are experienced Supported Families Advisors who can give you a whole host of advice about many topics.



**Come along to the Main Hall at 9.15 am on Thursday 28th September (next week) to find out what they can do to help you. All are welcome!**



### Space for Everyone' Rocket Tour

The UK Space Agency's 'Space for Everyone' rocket tour lands in Plymouth at the Piazza, from 28th September until 2nd October. Event features include

- 🚀 A colossal 72 ft replica of the LauncherOne rocket
- 🚀 Virtual reality experiences
- 🚀 Careers advice from local space professionals
- 🚀 Space-related activities

**The event is free and open to everyone. No need to book, just turn up.**

**Our Year 5 children are going down to visit the Tour on Friday next week - exciting!**

## LOOKING AHEAD....DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



28th Sept	Family Support - Parents/Carers Drop in Session
29th Sept	MacMillian Bake Sale (charity cake sale KS2 playground) Year 5 to Space Tour project (pm)
5th Oct	Year 3 trip to Eden Project
5th Oct	National Poetry Day - poetry focus in school today!
13th Oct	Harvest Festival (donations to Plymouth Food Bank)
17th Oct	Year 4 trip to Morwellham Quay
20th Oct	Show Racism the Red Card - wear red clothes day (no contribution)
<b>w/c 23rd October is Half Term week - no school</b>	

### Pupils to Celebrate!

Well done to these children who have gained recognition from the adults and the children in school in the last fortnight. Great stuff!

	<b>PAT ON THE BACK</b>	<b>STAR LEARNER</b>
	<b>From 11/09/23 until 22/09/23</b>	
Yr 1	Noah A-S / Vaughn F	Fay O / James B / Mainah B / Kacie P
Yr 2	Arnold E / Jaxon E	Oscar M / Sada M / Jolicia B / Aavya S
Yr 3	Casey B / Teddy G / Rui Zhen L / Imelda R	Betsy B / Lena C / Eva M / Max H
Yr 4	Princess V-D / Avin G	Zackery S / Ella M-W / Georgie E / Elenorth W
Yr 5	Benjamin B / Mia M-R / Blake H-G / Alicia H	Mason C / Lennon D / Poppy L / Amira S
Yr 6	Aisha A / Thanmaya V / Sophia H / Marcus W	Dolly G / Ja's G / Alfie S / Sophia J

### Attendance at Pilgrim

Children should be in school 'regularly' in order to get the best out of the education we provide. The Government is clear that regular attendance is 96% or better. Last year, the overall attendance (across the year) for the whole school was just 92.5% with almost 20% of the school being persistently absent (under 90% attendance). This is something that, as a whole school community, we must improve upon this academic year.

### Our School Educational Welfare Officer



This is a good opportunity to introduce you to our new Educational Welfare Officer, **Miss Beth Cunningham**. Miss Cunningham works for Educational Welfare Services, a company we have employed to support school and families maintain good attendance. Miss Cunningham will be working in school very regularly (fortnightly - on a Friday morning) and will be monitoring pupil attendance and lateness. I am looking forward to us all working together to improve attendance at Pilgrim.

## Best Attending Classes

I will be reporting each class' attendance and late statistics in every Newsletter from now on so that you can see the overall progress of the classes in meeting our target of being a 'regularly attending class' (96% or more). So this week we celebrate all the classes highlighted in green who have met that target for the year so far. Well done to you all! Although some classes really need to be in school more.... (Miss Redmond and Miss Hingston's teams!).

Registration Form	Attendance %	Late Marks %
Year F HG/ROL	94.2%	1.7%
Year F HT	98.5%	1.7%
Year 1 JM	95.7%	0.9%
Year 1 LW	93.1%	0.4%
Year 2 BF	98.5%	0.5%
Year 2 RH	89.9%	0.3%
Year 3 CB	97.4%	0.7%
Year 3 KC	94.2%	1.8%
Year 4 EK	98.2%	1.1%
Year 4 LJ	98.4%	0.9%
Year 5 AC	97.1%	0.6%
Year 5 SS	92.3%	0.6%
Year 6 RH	97.2%	1.6%
Year 6 SR	88.2%	0.7%

## Whole School Attendance Figures

Pilgrim Primary Attendance (382 pupils)	Attendance School (target 96%+)	Attendance National (Primary schools in 2022)	Lateness (pupils arriving after 9.00 am)
Up to w/e 22nd Sept 2023	<b>94.1%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>0.53%</b>

**So that rounds off our Newsletter. Don't forget the parent drop in session on Thursday morning and to support our MacMillan cake sale on Friday next week. Wishing you a good weekend and I will see you bright and breezy on Monday morning!**



**Mrs L Meek  
Headteacher**